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January 23, 2018

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554Ajit Pai

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to put forward the resume of Emily Proskine Hurd for your consideration for the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). I recognize that the BDAC is currently fully appointed, but I believe that Ms. Hurd offers an important set of skills that would benefit the Committee should a position become available in the future.

Ms. Hurd currently serves on the City Council of Rye, New York, where she is a leader working on major infrastructure improvements. She is also an active participant in the Rye community, serving on the Boards of Directors for organizations including Five Steps to Five, which educates parents about how to provide a nurturing environment for their children's development and learning during the earliest years of childhood, and the Friends of the Rye Nature Center. She has also worked as a neighborhood organizer focusing on mobilizing community response to residential development and zoning.

In short, Ms. Hurd has an exceptional track record of success and dedication to her community that would make her a valuable addition to the BDAC.

Should you wish to discuss this nomination further, I can be reached through my office manager, Darlene Murray, at 2462 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, or by phone at (202) 225-2464.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel

Eliot L. Engel  
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April 12, 2018

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2462 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Engel:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Emily Proskine Hurd, Member of the City Council of Rye, New York, to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Ms. Hurd's impressive resume if the Commission makes any further appointments to the BDAC or its working groups.

In September 2017, I proposed a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access in communities across the country. That's why at my first open meeting as FCC Chairman, I announced the establishment of the BDAC. The mission of the BDAC is to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans. The BDAC is a crucial component of our efforts to close the digital divide for the many Americans that lack sufficient high-speed Internet access and it has already provided a great deal of useful advice to the Commission as we continue to pursue those efforts.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendation to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Ajit V. Pai", is positioned above the printed name.

Ajit V. Pai